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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (TOLBERT, W.R.)

SUBJECT: TOLBERT STATE VISIT TO U.S.

REFS: (A) MONROVIA 5241, (B) MONROVIA 5243, (C) MONROVIA 5395

1. HAVE SCHEDULED MEETING BETWEEN TWO CORE GROUPS FOR TOMORROW EVEING TO DISCUSS CURRENT PLANNING OF VISIT PRIOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S DEPARTURE FOR COLOMBO. WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE ANSWERS ON SOME OUTSTANDING MATTERS, AND HAVE LATEST WASHINGTON THINKING TO PRESENT TO GOL SIDE.

2. WE NEED SOONEST LANGUAGE OF JOINT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT. GOL ANXIOUS TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT, AND TOMORROW'S CORE GROUP MEETING WOULD BE GOOD TIME TO GIVE GOL TEXT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY UPDATE AND COMMENTS ON TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (CONTAINED REF A) PARTICULARLY ON THOSE ITEMS UPON WHICH THE EMBASSY COMMENTED. OF MOST IMPORTANCE RIGHT NOW IS A CONFIRMATION OF ARRIVAL NEAR WILLIAMSBURG. AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, GOL NOW PLANNING THAT, AND WE SHOULD TELL THEM SOONEST IF THIS NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE. ALONG THIS LINE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD KNOW WHAT TYPE (I.E. SIZE) OF AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED FOR PRE-
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DIDENT'S TRANSPORTATION DURING VISIT. WE HAVE ASKED GOL FOR NAMES

OF PERSONS ACCOMPANYKNG PRESIDENT AND HAVE BEEN PROMISED RESPONSE, BUT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE DETAILS ON AIRCRAFT IN DISCUSSING SIZE OF PRESIDENT'S PARTY WITH GOL CORE GROUP.

4. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS AVAILABLE NOW ON AMBASSADOR'S THOUGHTS CONGAINED REF B. WE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN RESULTS OF MEETING TODAY BETWEEN MINPLANNING NEAL AND ADMINISTRATOR PARKER. GOL HERE HAS BEEN LESS THAN FORTH-COMING ON SPECIFICS OF ASSISTANCE PROJECTS THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE ANNOUNCED IN VISIT TIME FRAME, AND WE ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT TIME PASSING RAPIDLY WITHOUT SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS. WOULD SPECIFICALLY APPRECIATE WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON PARAS 5 AND 10 OF REF B ENABLE EMBASSY BEGIN WORKING ON THESE.

5. IF THERE HAS BEEN TIME TO WORK ON SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REF C, WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS WE CAN PASS ON TO GOL SIDE.

6. IN SHORT, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S LATEST THOUGHTS ON VISIT, AND GUIDANCE TO USE IN TOMORROW'S CORE GROUP MEETING.
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